

Let us not look through rose-colored glasses, nor yet be prophets of gloom, at the Communists' desanctification of Stalin.

They are telling the truth about him.

It's a zig in the zig-zag maneuver of the Communists. They zigged when they were allies of Hitler in 1939. They zagged when they were enemies of Hitler in 1941.

The Communist party throughout the world was jolted by the Moscow denunciation of the Moscow myth.

The Communist party will lose some members who are sickened by the truth; the Socialist party will gain some former Communist party members. The rank and file throughout the world now are rallying to the Moscow new line and are quickly getting back into line.

Communists don't like the truth.

The present Communist leaders know of the unrest at home. They also know that as long as they control the Army they are reasonably secure. Yet they are not too sure of their positions. That is why the "cult of personality" has been replaced by "collective leadership." Khrushchev, however, remains chairman of the Board.

The current leaders came into power through Stalin whom they now denounce--and regarding whom they tell the truth while not telling the truth about their own crimes against the people as aides of Stalin. A vacuum has been created by Stalin's death. The vacuum is temporarily filled by team-players, with Khrushchev as their captain, and his position slightly strengthened by the Stalin denunciation. He at the moment gives the most personal leadership to the Kremlin. Bulganin, a political marshal, sees the Army leaders, Zhukov and Zheltov, returning to national prominence, so he becomes uneasy; he sees Mikoyan gaining international prestige by his economic eminence; the others see the same thing. They all note that Khrushchev, uncouth, earthy and forceful, is the leading "Papa" of the masses. Khrushchev gained by the new line. He is the most authoritative--but not the most secure.

One dictator begets another. In all governments there is one man who is the prime leader. There is no reason to believe that the Soviet Union will remain for too long a period under collective leadership. These are mainly Old Bolsheviks, these present leaders. They are aging. They will soon pass on. A new star will arise in the Communist world. He could be from the Army. The present Army is subservient to the civilian leadership--it controls the Army. That could be reversed. Throughout history the Slav mentality has solved major problems by purges. That can happen again.

The youth in Russia as they become more and more educated and learn of the outside world will get more restless. Russian education is good. Visitors from the free world are seen and heard in Russia. The Voice of America and of Radio Free Europe keep telling the story of freedom and liberty to the Iron Country Communists. They learn. They become restless. Immediate large-scale action doesn't follow to unseat the rules. There is ferment, however small. There is unrest. There are demonstrations. There is a change of policy. There is a hope for the Russian people--and for the free world. The truth about Stalin will result in the people demanding and receiving the truth about some of their present leaders, Stalin's associates. America and her allies will see that the Russian and Satellite peoples get that truth.

There is a fair light of hope for our efforts--but we must not exaggerate nor yet understate that hope. Truth and freedom will win in God's good time.

The Communists don't like the truth.

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POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. To date what have been the known results of the shattering of the Stalin myth:
 - (a) In Soviet foreign relations? (political, economic, military, cultural)
 - (b) Has it caused the Communist parties throughout the world to lose members and the Socialists to gain most of the "lost" Commie members? If yes, isn't the net result on the CP not too demoralizing?
 - (c) Has it had any effect in neutralizing the Scandinavian countries? In increasing the Labor party's chances in England? In the joining of the Socialists and Commies in Italy and France into a Popular Front government?
2. Will Tito shortly desert the West to rejoin Communist Moscow?
3. How do you assay the effect on Communist China and on Southeast Asia?
4. What is your appraisal of Malenkov's visit to England? Soviet gain or loss?
5. Why did the Communists gain the Ceylon elections?
6. Will Israel strike soon in the Middle East as it sees its dominant military position weakened?
7. What plan does the U.S. have to counter the neutralization of Germany by Russia's agreeing to unification of East and West Germany if West Germany renounces NATO?
8. Is the West German request to the U.S. for two billion dollars for rearmament a polite form of blackmail?
9. Is Iceland moving toward "Communist neutrality" that may create a vacuum which the Soviet will fill and have their bombers only 2700 miles from New York City?
10. Is the forthcoming visit of Khrushchev and Bulganin to England a great psychological victory for the Communists? How does the free world nullify or overcome its results?